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Dear Superintendent,

There are two things that I think are sorely needed in the Tuolumne Meadows area:  
more off-road parking and bike paths.

I have driven by the Tuolumne Meadows area many times and each and every time there have been far too many cars parked on the shoulders of the road. This not only greatly reduces the visual aesthetics but is a safety hazard. I have had people walk out between the parked cars directly onto the road in front of my car and I have also had people open their doors, causing me to have to swerve to avoid their open doors.

I think creating off-road bike paths and creating bike lanes next to the highway would be great additions to the Tuolumne Meadows area. Off-road paths would provide a great way to see this part of the park. Bike lanes would greatly lessen the danger of someone getting hit while riding a bicycle on the highway. The danger of getting hit by an automobile has made me choose to never ride a bike in this part of the park.

Thank you,  
Mark Hodges

Bishop, CA 93514

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jan engleby

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While I am thrilled about your Comprehensive Management Plan for the Tuolumne Area, I am puzzled by escalating automobile problems in Yosemite Valley/Village. Close the park for a couple years if you must, but PLEASE tell me, when is something going to be done to remove unnecessary cars from the valley???

After visiting Yosemite last week, I had the pleasure of travelling the Tioga highway for the first time. It was as spectacular, as I had imagined. My next stop was Zion National Park. In my opinion, Zion is the perfect model for Yosemite. Move the restaurants and accomodations to the west, create some parking. Leave the cars out of the valley, for the valley's sake. It saddened me to see that nothing had changed since my last visit, a year ago. Not only would the valley thrive, but the human experience would also be much enhanced. Where is the Comprehensive Management Plan for that?

Jan Engleby

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"kent newbold"

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Hi NPS,

My areas of concern are for the backpackers that use the area for both starting, passing through and ending their hikes at Tuolumne Meadows. This involved subject can be for backpacker vehicle parking issues, inexpensive overnight backpacking camping services, and the vehicular hiker shuttle service which provides a great environmental friendly system for backpack carrying people.

Backpacking at Tuolumne Meadows is a real treat for those inclined to be able to physically enjoy the true Yosemite High Sierra. From an environmental point of view, with the annual Hwy #120 winter closure, heavy backpacker crowding issues in Tuolumne Meadows are such a seasonal recreational activity that negative environmental outcomes are minimized when compared to a year round backpacking park setting.

With the understandable concept of Tuolumne Meadows being a "non year round heavy backpacker use area", the further goal of providing the seasonal backpacker to the area with the above mentioned "public service set-ups" really does make sense for such a natural sensitive area.

With management efforts put forward of (1) provide adequate backpacker vehicle parking with a maximum limit/carrying capacity established, (2) more low cost backpacker overnight camping (limited time allowed), (3) and finally an adequate backpacker shuttle transportation service.

The impact of the "seasonal nature of backpacking" the Tuolumne Meadows area does have could be "further reduced" towards causing environmental damage with these three efforts.

Thank you,  
K. Newbold

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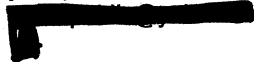
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PLEASE SEND ME A PAPER COPY OF THIS PLAN. I WANT  
ANIMAL PROTECTION GROUPS INVITED TO COMMENT ON THIS  
PLAN. IT IS CLEAR TO DATE YOUR ORGANIZATION FAWNS OVER  
HUNTING GUN WACKO GROUPS AND BANS ANIMAL PROTECTION  
GROUPS AS IF THEY DID NOT EXIST. WHY THIS  
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEACEFUL PEOPLE WITHOUT GUNS? DO  
YOU GET MONEY FROM NRA OR SOMETHING TO DO THIS?

I THINK THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE TOTALLY BANNED IN THIS  
AREA:

1. HUNTING
2. TRAPPING
3. NEW ROADS
4. ALL SNOWMOBILES AND ORVS
5. ALL PRESCRIBED BURNING WHICH RELEASES PARTICULATE  
MATTER (WHICH IS NOT SMOKE) WHICH TRAVELS THOUSANDS OF  
MILES AND CAUSES HEART ATTACKS, STROKES, PNEUMONIA,  
ALLERGIES, ASTHMA AND LUNG CANCER.
6. USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS. THEY ARE FAR MORE DANGEROUS  
THAN EPA TELLS YOU. WHEN COMBINED, SOME CHEMICALS ARE  
TWO THOUSAND TIMES MORE TOXIC THAN WHEN ALONE. EPA  
NEVER TELLS YOU THAT AND YOU ARE DRENCHING THE EARTH  
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Re: Tuolumne Meadows Planning

"Ralph Occhipinti"

07/10/2006 01:04 PM

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Please respond to  
rocchipinti

For the record, two areas seem to call out for help.

1. The Elizabeth Lake Trail. I did YA re-veg restoration work around Elizabeth Lake and was up and down that trail from Tuolumne every day for one week, over a three year span. The trail is in bad shape and needs a serious plan for an upgrade.

2. The Cathedral Lake Trail shoulder parking. The scene is a shocker as you drive from east from Tenaya Lake. As you get in the middle of the roadside congestion, and doors open, people pop out an about. I'm surprised there haven't been serious accidents.

On item [2], years back, there used to be an off road parking area. It was taken out by very intense spring runoff. Regardless, a car count study ought to be conducted and perhaps a multi tier, paved, tree shrouded/stone masonry offsets [means money] parking area could be designed. This would be a major project with a payoff that will recapture the beauty of Toulumne Meadows.

I'll try to ttend the meeting in Groveland but I live in Morgan Hill [south of San Jose] so it's a push.

Ralph Occhipinti  
Morgan Hill, CA

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katie sheehan

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Hi, below I have cut and pasted questions from the planning brochure and some concerns I have. Thanks for considering them:

What would you like to see protected?

The peace, quiet and solitude of Tuolumne. The valley might be a madhouse, but we can rely on the high country for an escape. It would be nice to see more camping controls put on the Cathedral Lakes area to lessen the footprint, and campfire controls on the Meadows Campground.

What kind of services or facilities would you like to see offered, improved or removed?

Fire rings taken out of the Meadows Campground

The shuttle system expanded- it is such a great idea!

A focus on informing visitors about LNT and damage control at park entry, and making that information easily available in other languages. I know some Spanish versions of park info are available, but I'm unsure of other translations.

Mostly basic things. Thanks for considering my suggestions, we appreciate all the work you do.

Sincerely,

Katie Sheehan

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**YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK**

Superintendent  
National Park Service  
P.O. Box 577  
Yosemite, CA 95389

Re: Tuolumne Meadows Plan

Dear Sir:

For several years I have been concerned about the parking arrangements for the Cathedral Lakes trailhead in Tuolumne Meadows. As it is now, people have to park on the side of the road, creating a very dangerous situation, opening their car doors, standing at the side of the road loading and unloading their hiking gear, having to cross the road in traffic, etc. Also, during the height of the season, cars are spread out along the road for a long distance, forcing people to walk quite a ways along the highway with their packs just to get to the actual trailhead. I don't know how many people have been injured due to this situation -- surely there have been problems of this kind -- but I believe that it should be remedied before anybody else is hurt.

I know how reticent the Park Service is about making parking lots. (You have so cleverly taken out several in the Valley to force people to ride busses.) However, this trailhead is not a stop on your bus system, and since it is so popular and you want the public to "enjoy their stay in the Park" and this dangerous condition exists, it appears to me that a bona fide parking lot off in the trees by the trailhead is a perfect answer to the problem.

And while you are improving that parking situation, it would certainly be "more enjoyable" for others who would like to stop along the highway through the meadow, to ponder the gorgeous scenery, look at the wildlife and wildflowers in the meadow, take pictures, and maybe get an ice cream cone at the store, if you improved the pull-off parking all along the road and especially enlarged the store parking. Right now it's zoo and I have seen people park on the meadow across from the store -- not a good thing.

People come to the Park not just to see it, but to experience it. That is very hard to do if you can only drive on by, with no opportunity to stop, get out of the car, and really feel the beauty of Tuolumne Meadows.

Yours truly,

*Carolyn Croker*

Carolyn Croker

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Protect the Resource first. This delicate ecosystem can be harmed by minor changes that haven't showed there full effect. During impact assessment every identifiable component should be studied w/in the ecosystem. From Allgae, bacteria, frogs to the largest mammals and Birds

- Consider removing protection of non-native species - fish.
- Don't worry about air quality from fire; we have had good Airquality from fire suppression for 50 yrs. nian. the ecosystem its chance.



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- ① My overall impression is that Tuolumne Meadows is less impacted than when I first visited in 1975.
- ② I visit annually, specifically for rock climbing. Tuolumne Meadows is a world-class rock climbing area, and I would be concerned about any measures that restricted climbing access.
- ③ While some congestion occurs in the immediate vicinity of the store + grill, as a climber I see little or no congestion or crowding away from the immediate roadside area. I do not believe any management to increase solitude or limit human encounters is necessary.
- ④ My personal view is that much of the structural development in Tuolumne Meadows (store, grill, gas station, Tuolumne Lodge) is a heritage of an era

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WHEN SUCH DEVELOPMENT WAS CONSIDERED MORE COMPATIBLE WITH A PARK EXPERIENCE  
THAN IT NOW IS. REMOVAL OF THE STORE, GRILL, GAS STATION, STABLES, OR  
TWO COLUMNS LODGE COULD PROMOTE ~~A LOWER~~ A LOWER-IMPACT, LESS URBANIZED  
EXPERIENCE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANTLY LIMITING ACCESS.

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As an example of environmental stewardship, parks must consider all effects of their presence on the land. I'd like to see Yosemite NP employ a more advanced (but quite simple!) method of wastewater treatment. Using wetlands for final treatment has many benefits. This method saves energy and money, but also provides habitat and is aesthetically pleasing. There are examples of this in Southern California, as well as an exemplary treatment plant quite close. See "Green Sewage Plant Grows Greener," in the July 11<sup>th</sup>,

**Tuolumne River Trust**

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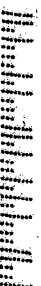
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Date of 7/19/06

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What I love about the Tuolumne River Meadows:

I have been coming to Tuolumne for 5 summers now, and one of the most special qualities of this place is that the natural beauty never changes. Each year I can expect to hike the same gorgeous trails, see the wild flowers come out one after another and climb the awesome granite. Coming back to Tuolumne after a winter away is like coming home in a way, seeing old friends in the form of granite domes, snowy peaks, trout in the streams, hawks, thunderheads, and the river itself. I love the clean, clear air, the peaceful solitude, I love the lack of development.

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The question about what I would like to see protected scares me. There is no simple answer, since it is a combination of all the natural features which make Tuolumne such a special place. I would personally like to see everything natural protected along the Tuolumne River and in Tuolumne Meadows.

In my mind there is no reason ~~the~~ to ever develop along the Tuolumne River, or in Tuolumne Meadows. People come here to enjoy the natural beauty. If a visitor desires a more lush accommodation than the Campground, they have the option of staying at the lodge. Why do we need development? There is no need for it. There is already a restaurant, a store, a gas station, a huge Campground, visitor center, etc.

I cannot think of anything else that is needed for community improvement at this time. <sup>The sewage treatment facility should be updated to provide for current infrastructure.</sup>

What should be concentrated on now is the preservation of what we already have. Trails should be clearly marked so that trampling of vegetation does not occur. Trails to popular climbing areas should be better-established so people do not stray. The campground should have <sup>multiple</sup> ~~the~~ separate entrances, minimizing traffic + pollution along the more populated campground loops. no more and no bees.

I would like to see the NPS put more energy into utilizing alternative energy technologies. For example, using solar power, wind power, sustainable building materials for all new buildings, biodiesel fuel for public transportation w/in park. I would also like to see the frequency of bus trips from Tuolumne to the Valley increased. The need for personal vehicles used for day trips should be minimized by adding more public transportation. As a place focused on preserving the natural environment, the NPS of YNP should be a model for sustainable, low-impact development. composting toilets

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Name: Linda Ann Wilson  
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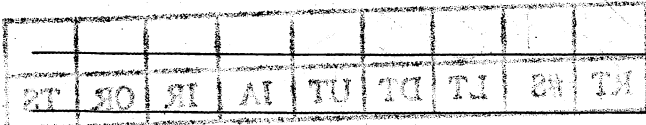
Please include in the scope of this project an analysis of the environmental impacts of the potential removal of Shaughnessy Dam and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir on the lower six mile section of the river.

Please consider the effects of climate change and global warming on the meadows and river.

Please consider protecting the wildflowers

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along the river behind the Tvalumne Meadows  
lodge employee housing. These are some  
of the finest wildflowers in the area (lilies,  
orchids, giant lupine, Sierra Onion, larkspur,  
columbine, corn lily) The employees are hanging  
swings and hammocks and ~~and~~ <sup>setting up</sup> altars,  
etc, in this very sensitive area.





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### Comments

Why have a plan? IF there is no plan for development in TM, why start one? Sure fix sewage etc. provide certain standards but why go further? Why do we need to change this place? Maybe more services will make more money, but do you want this place to look like the valley? It is out of our hands, I have no faith that the plan will reflect the concerns of the people that actually live here. ~~IF~~ IF the powers that be want to make this place an amusement park, like the valley I have no

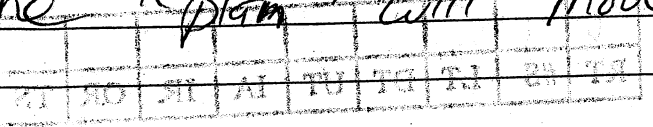
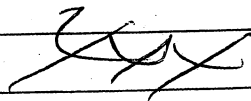
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doubt that they will. We will have a hard time stepping them.

But -- what if your TM plan calls for no more development beyond maintaining services? No more construction, no more DNC services, no more "improvements."

This is the chance to save this place from the profit hungry agencies that run the show. Why not ~~let~~ let this part of the park remain as it is?

I AM SORRY I wasted your time, as this comment will not be considered due to lack of a name. Why is that? Why do you need to put a name to an opinion? Does it make my opinion less valid because I didn't ~~sign~~ sign my name? I guess it does, and the "plan" will move on.

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Name: Tim Hecox

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Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of July 17/06

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuolumne Meadows Ranger Camp

### Comments

I think that the Public Relations aspect of the plans is critical. There needs to be representatives talking to employees everywhere (all employees ex. DVC, NPS, YAF, etc) and if and when something is subject to change like the moving of a store, ledge, campground, have personal meetings with those people who live & work there. They are the people who will make the plan easier or more difficult.

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Name: CRYSTAL ELLIOT

Date of 7/18/06

Comment: CONSOLIDATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF  
VISITOR AND STOCK TRAIL ACCESS

Address:

[REDACTED ADDRESS] EL PORTAL, CA 95318

Comments

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VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY IN  
THE TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED  
BY CONSOLIDATION OF VISITOR AND STOCK ACCESS. CURRENTLY,  
POOR SIGNAGE AND LACK OF PROPER TRAIL DELINEATION  
AT MAJOR TRAILHEADS (eg PARSON'S LODGE T.H ACROSS FROM  
VISITOR'S CENTER) HAS LED TO LARGE AREAS OF DENUDED/IMPACTED  
VEGETATION AND DISTURBANCE (VECTOR FOR INVASIVE PLANT INFESTATION)  
CONSOLIDATION OF ACCESS POINTS AND TRAILS ALONG WITH <sup>RESTORATION +</sup> INCREASED  
SIGNAGE WOULD GREATLY IMPROVE ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION IN THESE  
AREAS AND ENHANCE VISITOR EXPERIENCE THROUGH EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITIES ~~ASSOCIATED WITH~~ ~~AND~~ ~~SIGNS~~ AND INCREASED EASE OF  
ORIENTATION.

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Name: JIM ROCHE

Date of 7/18/2006

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: [REDACTED], GROVELAND CA 95321

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### Comments

Excessively noisy vehicles (i.e. Harley Davidson motorcycles)  
detract significantly from the experience in Tuolumne Meadows  
as well as several miles into Designated Wilderness. Enjoying the  
~~area~~ the meadow and climbing the myriad peaks make this  
a very unique area and a special place. Vehicles that are  
loud simply for the purpose of being loud have no place here.

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Name: John Kan

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

San Rafael ca 94903

### Comments

High Sierra Camps in the Wilderness  
is this right is it OK?

Down at Glen Allen Falls looking up at the  
water falls and off to the side you see water  
pipes running down the cliff what kind  
of a experience or what kind of a  
wilderness experience is this?

Remove All High Sierra Camps  
let go back to the wilderness

*John Kan*

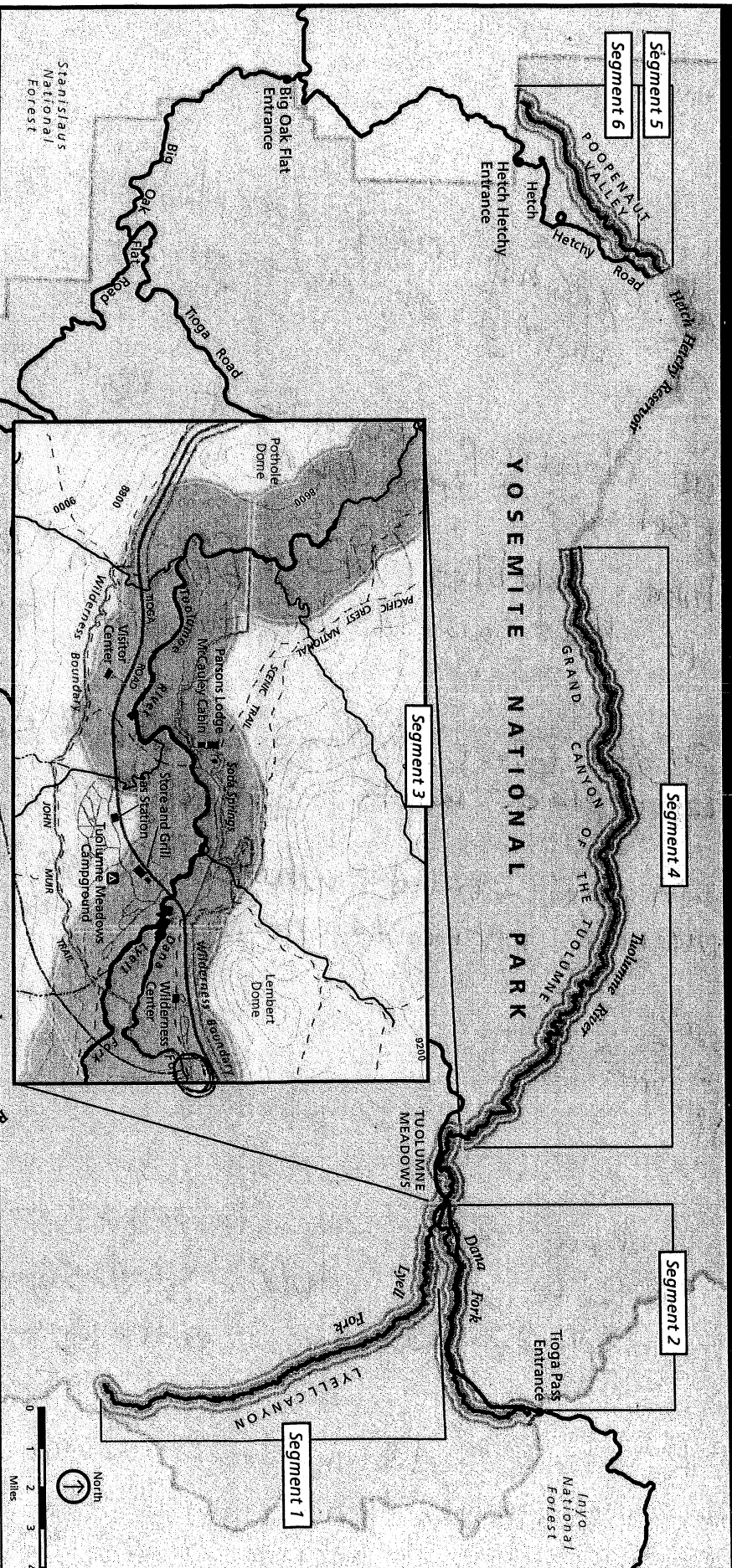


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## Do You Have Site-Specific Comments?

Please feel free to write comments directly onto the map or in the space provided here.

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Comments may be submitted in person at Open Houses, or via email, and fax:

Email: Yose.Planning@nps.gov  
Fax: (209) 379-1294  
Superintendent  
Yosemite National Park  
PO Box 577  
Yosemite, CA 95389

Rodesign locations of the tents that are very close to lodge  
\* The employee tents are right on the river & there is a  
huge ugly dirt lot that serves no purpose. \* take out  
dirt lot & move employee tents closer to the paved lot  
& restore river side. \* Move on Back V \*

- \* Do not expand any facility in the event of moving or redesigning.
- \* Enforce cleanup events + regulations on maintenance during set ups + tear downs for both DNC + NPS → and in High Camps too!
- \* Combine Stables (NPS + DNC) in a less impactful site if that would be thought to improve river.
- \* Redesign Glen Aullins water + sewage systems  
→ replace with composting systems.
- \* If in the event where lodge or store are moved, recreate in same manner with tents.

has aspects in it (serpentine)

- road taken out to parsons - boardwalk replacement
- road taken out and/or redesigned to (re)stables. <sup>through meadows</sup>
- Lodge employee housing redesigned taken back from river.
- Lodge Kitchen + dining tent moved away from river or have extremely tight regulations to prevent river contaminating + paint chips.



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Name: Ryan Garnt  
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of 7-18-06

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### Comments

My increasing concern is from human impact. I've covered a wide majority of the trails in the areas and the most heavily impacted areas have been those lying within the meadows and the Tuolumne River corridor. The low lying and marsh like qualities of the meadows make it a very vulnerable habitat. With such vulnerability and immediate access from the road, only undesignated trails have the ability/potential to become rutted paths in a relative short period of time. However, closing off the meadows from off trail travel is improbable but closing portions of the meadows on a rotating schedule for rehabilitation such as ~~allow~~ farmers rotating fields to follow could be an option. Signs discouraging off trail travel, education of the impact and closing <sup>(Shutting off)</sup> existing undesignated trails are other options.

Another common impact is fireman trails along the side of the river (through the meadows and along Lyell Fork in particular). These trails see a lot of use and proximity with the bank creating bank erosion. \*\*

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Glen A-lin and Vogelung High Sierra camp horse travel and horse supplying of those areas add another huge impact to the trails along those areas. Horse travel impacts the trails ~~and~~. During wet times standing water pushes foot traffic to the side of the trails widening the path. Also, instead of standing water, some of the paths become soft and sandy - again pushing foot travel to firmer terrain. \*\*\*

Off trail travel is also prominent when trees fall over the trails. Popular, "front country" areas, such as the Twin bridges of Lyell Fork area, are heavy use areas and should be attended to early in the season. (It is already the middle of July and the trails from the meadows to Lyell Fork and from the campground to Lyell Fork are still covered in down trees.) \*\*\*

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\*\*\* potential designate fisherman trails further from rivers edge.

\*\*\* limit horse traffic

\*\*\*\* on additional sawyer team

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Name: CS Parson  
Comment: 7.18.06

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### Comments

I have been visiting this area for seven years & lived near here for 5 years, & in Tuolumne for 2 summers. I have come to love this area because of its natural beauty & ease of access to high country terrain. I quickly found myself disenchanted with the Valley, the traffic, the congestion, the entire experience there is affected by the numbers of people the area tries to host in a short time (summer/spring). I now skip down to the valley, take car out when I need to, & boogie back to the meadows a.s.a.p. I guess what I am getting to is Tuolumne is special because of all the things it doesn't have, villages, massive employee dorms,

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traffic, & big hotels. It is a different culture of tourists who are drawn here because of it. ~~in~~

I have ideals of how new development in my home town should shape, but this town will due to the private growth that is fueled by development. It does not have to be that way here! This is federal land & has its own rights because of that. Keep this place "rustic" & beautiful for all the generations of people to come. Fix the sewage & make it safe, but we don't need dorms, or villages & hundreds more people driving on 120, it is bad enough as it is.

I understand the need to plan for Tulum's future, but make the basis of that better founded in non-growth related ways that cater to those who understand the value of this place now, as it is. If you look at the valley, compared to here you will see how its "plan" has dragged it through developmental mud. Protect this amazing place, please!

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Name: John Kay  
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of \_\_\_\_\_

Address: [REDACTED] San Rafael Ca  
94903

### Comments

Bike lane through interior Parks.

Thank you

John Kay

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Name: Anthony Anagnostou

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED], Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite, CA

### Comments

I greatly appreciate efforts to preserve the character of Tuolumne. However, I would very much like to see some new development for bike access, particularly along the Tioga road. Bicycling, either for fitness, recreation, or transport, both for visitors + employees, is pretty dangerous on the Tioga road as-is. The speeds are too high for bikes, lots of blind turns on hills, etc. It would be wonderful if there were a paved bike path from the meadows to the valley. (a) least from Leishart dome to stately pleasure, + two lanes would be nice. Even if \$ + impact concerns would prohibit a bike lane the whole way, any section

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would be a step in the right direction. even widening the shoulders would be nice.

Another improvement i would like to see is limited, and/or designated trail access for offroad bikes. i see no reason why horses should be allowed on trail and bikes not.

I'm not advocating letting bikes go wherever they want, but a set of designated trails that would allow ~~to~~ offroad bikes to get a little riding in would be wonderful + greatly appreciated by a large outdoor user group.

Whatever the reasons that bikes are currently not allowed off road, hundreds of other high-use areas are able to deal w/ them. I'm sure other park (and even urban park) systems would have excellent advice on limiting impact while opening the park up to the new activity.

The parks are going to see higher volume @ time going on. Why not plan ahead, + facilitate a new + appropriate user group's enjoyment of the park, as well as provide a means for alternate transport in the meadows.

unrelated, but potentially important, as to volume meadows usage increases, would be increased marking of cluster trails. I don't like the non-wilderness feel of designated trails to others, but it does make a big difference in the cumulative impact.

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Comments continued:

- i would like to see the meadows protected. i am in favor of boardwalks in the meadows, if that is what it takes to avoid the meadow turning into a mud and footprint field in early season.

i also think that the meadow character of T.M. is generally to be preserved. if the impacts of the port development have changed the ecosystem such that there are encroachment on the meadows, i would support artificially preserving the meadows w/ tree cutting if there was no way to both maintain the ~~meadow~~ ~~ecosystem~~ current road access + have the meadows maintain themselves naturally.

- i do feel very strongly that there should be no further amenities in the meadows, as far as restaurants, stores, etc.

- finally, i wish the river <sup>access</sup> was more liberal. perhaps a river user fee for whitewater - folks would pay for a water-ranger whose job would include education + policy, + a minimal increase in rescue fees.



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Name: Suzanne Gamble

Comment: Campground "Group" Fire  
(Habitat protection  
Ecosystem integrity)

Address: [REDACTED] San Francisco CA 94115

Comments

I have noticed both in the valley and in Tuolumne Campgrounds that individual campground fires create smoky environment/air quality and take away from the quality of enjoyment of this beautiful natural environment.

I think it could be a viable option to have a "group campground fire" where people can gather for the "fire" experience, get to know their neighbor, share stories, experiences thus preserving the wild experience and air quality.

P.S. The backpackers campground past Vernal Falls